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Dear Mr. Beckwith:

I had hoped to acknowledge your letter of February 15 in the course of a personal meeting, and am sorry that I had to change my plans to join the group in Mexico.

The material you are sending me is very instructive, and I am very happy to have it. I have not been able to digest it fully, but expect to learn a great deal from it. (As you know my own special interests have not had much to do with steroids in the past.)

Some future occasion will, I am sure, arise before too long when I can make up for the opportunity missed earlier this month. It is a pleasure to see the kind of enlightened idealism that Syntex is starting off with (and that I would have to predict from Carl Djerassi and his associates) and I am looking forward to seeing this set a high standard for the pharmaceutical industry.

Yours cordially,

Joshua Lederberg